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SUBJ: MACBRIDE STATEMENT ON SOVIET DISSIDENTS

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1. SEAN MACBRIDE'S STATEMENTS ON SOVIET DISSIDENTS (REFTEL) ARE NOTEWORTHY IN VIEW OF FACT THAT HE IS ALSO MEMBER (AS CHAIRMAN OF "INTERNATIONAL PEACE BUREAU") OF PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR WORLD CONGRESS OF PEACE FORCES SCHEDULED OPNE MOSCOW OCTOBER 25. MACBRIDE WAS IN MOSCOW IN LATE AUGUST TO PARTICIPATE IN PREPARATORY COMMITTEE MEETING. HE PUBLICLY ENDORSED GOALS OF CONGRESS, WHIC IS BEING PUSHED BY SOVIET AS "WORLDWIDE" DEMONSTRATION OF SUPPORT FOR THIER FOREIGN POLICY. HIS ACTIVITIES HERE WERE WIDELY REPORTED IN PRESS.

2. IN ATTEMPT TO CREAT IMAGE OF OPEN CHARACTER OF CONGRESS, SOME GROUP AND INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN INVITED, WHO, LIKE MACBRIDE, MAY SPEAK OUT ON STATE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE SOVIET UNION. SOVIETS MAY FIND THEMSELVES FORCED TO TOLERATE MORE CRITICAL COMMENTS ON THEIR INTERNAL AFFAIRS THAN THEY FIND COMFORTABLE.

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